IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: I. YAMAZAKI et al. Confirmation No.: 7653

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Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 April 14, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 13, 2008, the period for reply thereto being extended two months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire April 13, 2008, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification are on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3.

Remarks are included following the amendments.